



THE 4-H AND SCOUT ATTAINMENTS WITH RABBITS

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A tabulation of the 4-H Rabbit Club activities shows the Southern States have made the greatest progress during 1951. In the South, there was an increase of 76 percent in members finishing their projects as compared to 1950. The Northern and Northeast areas increased only 13 and 12 percent, respectively, while the Western part of the country showed the same number of completions in 1951 as of 1950, but many of these States showed a decrease in rabbit activities. The 23,958 rabbit club members for the entire United States are an increase of 36 percent over the previous year. The State showing greatest increase was Oklahoma with 538 percent more members completing their projects in 1951 than in 1950. Oklahoma ranked thirteenth in 1950 and first in 1951 with nearly 50 percent more members completing their rabbit project than the next nearest State of Texas with 2,444 such members. Of the 10 leading States (and territories) in rabbit club members completing their projects, six of them are in the South. The membership of these 10 leading States comprise 60 percent of the total in the United States.

There are, however, more rabbits in the 4-H Clubs in California than in any other State and this is to be expected as California is by far the leading commercial rabbit producing State. Oklahoma is third in this category. All but three of these 10 States highest in numbers of rabbits in the 4-H Club are in the South. This phenomenal activity in rabbit raising is due primarily to the interest shown by the agent directing extension work in the Southern States and the State 4-H Club leaders and county agents in their respective States. Nearly 60 percent of all rabbits in the 4-H program are in the 10 leading States.

The five year average showing California leading in total number of rabbits with more than twice that of Texas, which is in second place, but California is third in five year average of members completing their projects. Texas has been either first or second in 4-H membership in four of the past five years. She was not even in the first ten in 1948. Other interesting comparisons can be found in these five year averages.

The 4-H negro Rabbit Club members (525) finishing their projects increased by 30 percent in 1951 over 1950. The increase in rabbits was 65 percent. Again in 1951 as in 1950 Texas was first in members (153) and in rabbits (1,554) in these projects with colored children. There were 16 States showing 4-H Rabbit Club activity with negroes.

The Future Farmers of America are also active in rabbit raising. Their activities are largely in conjunction with class credit in agriculture. Undoubtedly if State or national figures were available, the number of young people interested in rabbit raising in the Future Farmers of America program would be impressive.

The number of merit badges awarded in 1951 to Boy Scouts raising rabbits increased 36 percent over those awarded in 1950. A total of 3,176 awards were

made, which is the greatest number ever earned. The leading State was Texas, with 284 awards, closely followed by California with 276. The next three in order are Utah, 205; Colorado, 130; and Pennsylvania fifth with 129. The average for the past five years shows California leading with 330 and Texas second with 158 awards. Somewhat more than 50 percent of all merit badges awarded in the U. S. were from the 10 leading States. Much of the credit undoubtedly is due to the time and effort of the rabbit growers and the councilors in scout work in instructing these young enthusiasts in proper methods of rabbit management. The grand total of Boy Scout awards given to date in rabbit raising is 18,237.

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Boy Scout Merit Awards for Rabbit Raising 10 Leading States

Rank	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	5-yr. average
1	Calif. 237	Calif. 286	Calif. 227	Calif. 273	Texas 284	Calif. 330
2	Utah 141	Texas 132	Utah 97	Texas 160	Calif. 276	Texas 158
3	Texas 122	Utah 124	Ohio 93	Penn. 111	Utah 205	Utah 133
4	Ill. 84	Ore. 88	Texas 93	Ohio 110	Colo. 130	Ohio 96
5	Ohio 84	Ohio 78	Penn. 89	Utah 97	Penn. 129	Penn. 90
6	Mo. 74	N.Y. 74	Ore. 88	Mo. 92	Wash. 126	N.Y. 84
7	N.Y. 65	Penn. 67	N.Y. 86	Wash. 90	Ala. 122	Ore. 77
8	Conn. 61	Ill. 61	Wash. 76	Ga. 89	N.Y. 114	Wash. 77
9	Ind. 59	Ind. 52	Wisc. 67	N.C. 86	Ohio 114	Mo. 71
10	Mass. 59	Ariz. 50	Ind. 65	N.Y. 82	Mich. 103	Colo. 71
Totals	996	1,012	981	1,180	1,603	1,187
Percent of Total U.S.	53	58	51	51	50	54

4-H Rabbit Projects
10 Highest States

Members Completing Projects

Rank	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	5-yr. average
1	Ohio	Ohio	Texas	Texas	Okla.	Texas
2	Texas	Calif.	Ohio	Ohio	Texas	Ohio
3	Calif.	P.Rico	Calif.	Calif.	Ohio	Calif.
4	P.Rico	N.Y.	Ind.	Ind.	Ind.	Ind.
5	N.Y.	Ind.	Mich.	Mich.	Calif.	Okla.
6	Minn.	Minn.	N.Y.	Ky.	Tenn.	P.Rico
7	Mich.	Mich.	Minn.	P.Rico	P.Rico	Mich.
8	Ind.	Ky.	P.Rico	Tenn.	Mich.	N.Y.
9	Ky.	Colo.	Tenn.	Minn.	Ky.	Minn.
10	Colo.	La.	Ky.	N.Y.	La.	Ky.
Totals	5,294	5,442	7,707	10,044	14,409	8,183
Percent of						
Total U.S.	63.0	60.4	63.8	57.3	60.1	57.9

Total Rabbits in Completed Projects

Rank	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	5-yr. average
1	Calif.	Calif.	Calif.	Calif.	Calif.	Calif.
2	Minn.	P.Rico	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
3	Texas	Minn.	N.Y.	Ky.	Okla.	Ky.
4	P.Rico	Ohio	Ohio	Minn.	Ky.	Minn.
5	N.Y.	Ky.	Minn.	Ohio	La.	Ohio
6	Ky.	N.Y.	Ga.	Tenn.	Ohio	Tenn.
7	Ohio	Ind.	Ky.	N.Y.	Okla.	N.Y.
8	Va.	Ore.	Ore.	Ga.	Ga.	P.Rico
9	Mich.	Colo.	Wash.	Ind.	Tenn.	Okla.
10	Colo.	Mich.	Ind.	Colo.	Ala.	Ga.
Totals	48,998	52,696	76,994	103,174	143,775	81,065
Percent of						
Total U.S.	62.4	58.5	58.5	56.6	59.8	56.0

Rabbits: 4-H Rabbit Clubs, Negro Boys and Girls - 1951

States	Enrolled			Completed			Percent to 1950
	Co.	Boys	Co. Girls	Co.	Boys	Rabbits	
Delaware	1	4	-	-	4	15	300
Maryland	6	27	-	-	20	136	18
West Virginia	9	66	6	3	61	1411	46
Missouri	2	3	-	-	1	25	-
Alabama	6	21	16	1	19	35	46
Arkansas	9	86	31	3	55	78	123
Florida	1	5	14	2	4	87	-69
Georgia	3	17	6	3	16	187	144
Kentucky	4	15	-	-	14	139	-60
Louisiana	9	36	15	6	32	338	-21
Mississippi	1	5	-	-	5	20	-
North Carolina	8	13	-	-	11	119	175
Oklahoma	7	88	1	1	39	243	264
Tennessee	2	11	1	1	11	162	1100
Texas	20	167	22	7	134	1554	28
Virginia	10	21	6	-	12	62	-7
Grand Totals	98	585	30	87	438	5250	30

1951 4-H Rabbit Projects

States	No. of Boys & Girls Completing Projects	Rabbits in Completed Projects	Percent increase or decrease of members
Connecticut	99	699	-12
Delaware	18	144	20
Maine	9	135	300
Maryland	174	3,295	0
Massachusetts	124	709	32
New Hampshire	43	678	30
New Jersey	141	1,350	29
New York	687	4,989	8
Pennsylvania	62	825	2
Rhode Island	98	575	-1
Vermont	22	173	38
West Virginia	321	4,020	29
Totals	1,798	17,592	12
Illinois	755	6,504	31
Indiana	1,352	6,685	10
Iowa	200	1,398	-8
Kansas	432	3,640	77
Michigan	925	5,173	16
Minnesota	690	8,684	-4
Missouri	115	1,468	4
Nebraska	76	803	73
North Dakota	4	31	-56
Ohio	1,416	9,722	9
South Dakota	8	205	-11
Wisconsin	145	1,839	5
Totals	6,118	46,152	13
Alabama	653	7,570	33
Arkansas	556	4,936	82
Florida	428	3,962	51
Georgia	726	8,197	42
Kentucky	833	13,610	9
Louisiana	793	9,878	75
Mississippi	70	735	25
North Carolina	256	2,432	56
Oklahoma	3,348	18,058	538
South Carolina	63	575	133
Tennessee	1,126	7,813	53
Texas	2,444	27,505	32
Virginia	398	5,386	46
Puerto Rico	1,013	6,734	33
Totals	12,702	117,391	76
Arizona	122	1,028	45
California	1,159	32,738	-8
Colorado	707	5,693	17
Idaho	154	1,104	23
Montana	122	1,459	1
Nevada	38	864	-7
New Mexico	167	2,745	-25
Oregon	416	5,858	1
Utah	37	294	-5
Washington	340	6,267	-9
Wyoming	39	405	0
Alaska	2	10	-66
Hawaii	37	715	-7
Totals	3,340	59,180	0
Grand Totals	23,958	240,315	36